

# THE WOMEN'S WORLD

One of the Mothers' Unions of Kansas City discussed at its last regular meeting a question which sooner or later addresses itself in all its fullness to most thoughtful mothers—corporal punishment—and since some of the ideas brought out may be helpful to some mother or suggest a new line of procedure when "young hopeful" suddenly becomes "a young hand-ful," requiring immediate attention of a salutary but sensible nature, we reproduce the line of argument used. Said one mother: "It seems to me that corporal punishment is absolutely necessary sometimes."

The mother with four or five children to look after, with a laundryman at the front door and the groceryman at the back door, and the butcher behind him, hasn't the time to stop to reason with her children.

It was Mrs. E. R. Weeks, President of the Union, and prominent as a worker in the Mothers' Congress, who answered this statement: "If the mother," said she, "has learned no better way to control her children, then I think corporal punishment should be used; but that does not show that it is the correct punishment. The mother should have obedience, no matter what the cost; but I think there are better ways than by whipping. Whipping a child on the hand does not correct the lie that the child tells, nor yet does it teach that the lie is wrong."

"That's a moral wrong," replied another mother. "But, suppose, Mrs. Weeks, the child is one of these refractory children who will not obey. Experience of mankind has taught that there shall be punishments for misdeeds. The mother can secure immediate obedience by a little whipping sometimes, when all talking fails to reach the child." "Nature doesn't teach any such laws," replied Mrs. Weeks. "The mother who secures obedience through corporal punishment secures it because she knows no better way. I would suggest to the mother with the refractory child that she bathe its hands in cold water when it gets into one of its tantrums, or wash its face or bathe it all over in cold water. Then I would talk to it quietly. 'Now, you're all hot and excited,' I'd say, 'and I want to cool you off.' That is much better than telling the child, 'I'll whip you and you've got to do it.'"

Another suggestion was to the effect that when the mother sees the child is about to have one of the much-dreaded "tantrums" it is best to avert it by changing the channel of thought. Speaking of children who habitually procrastinate and put off their duties, Mrs. P. Sherry Brown was appealed to, and in reply said: "I would not allow the child to come to the table until the duties were all performed, no matter how long it might take. Let the child eat alone once or twice, and I don't think it will forget very soon. I believe in whipping, though, when a child needs it." Mrs. Weeks pronounced this suggestion excellent. "It's a logical punishment—a punishment that logically follows the fault."

Relative to punishment and bearing in mind all that has recently been written with reference to the criminality of the Negro, and the facts pro and con as we know them, it is well for us to give more attention to the methods of punishment and the ends to be attained, by punishment, self-control and a high standard of morality, than has been given in the past. The complaint lodged against us by such writers as Miss Kellor, in the Arena for September, is that "there is little or no evidence of the finer moral discriminations, and the method is training through punishment rather than through wise direction which avoids punishment."

Miss Kellor concludes her series of articles on this subject above mentioned in the November Arena. Now let someone from the race come forward and present the argument for the other side.

It is pleasing to note that we have in the race those who are making special preparation for such work by careful study of social problems, and prominent in that list is Monroe N. Work, a classmate of Miss Kellor in the University of Chicago and a special student in the Department of Sociology in that institution.

Mr. Work has already contributed several valuable articles to the American Journal of Sociology and other periodicals of note.

The Business Women's League, of Kansas City, Mrs. Rosa Jenkins, President, is a flourishing club, destined to do much practical good in the community.

The Coterie of Topeka, Kan., will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary this winter, and hence is one of the oldest of colored women's club. Mrs. Marie Glenn-Guy is the estimable President and under her wise management and with the aid of her loyal assistants, the club has rendered valuable service to the community.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, of Jackson, Mich., addressed the Coterie at its opening meeting this season, and from her well-timed remarks the club received many helpful suggestions that will be of benefit in planning the year's work.

The Coterie was one of two to issue the call for the Interstate Literary Association, organized several years ago, and scheduled to hold its annual meeting in Kansas City, Kan., during the Christmas holidays.

Topeka is essentially a city of clubs. The following is an interesting report of the Amanda Richey Territorial W. C. T. U. Convention, recently in session at Muskogee, Indian Territory:

Muskogee, I. T.

The W. C. T. U. Convention met in Muskogee, Oct. 11 and 12. Morning session opened at 11:15 a.m. with song, "Anywhere with Jesus." The Scripture lesson, Matt. xxxix, Matt. xxviii: 18-20, Acts 1:8-10, was read by our National Superintendent, Mrs. Lucy Thurman. After the opening remarks by the President, the consecration meeting was entered into. There were six unions represented at the opening of the session. All took part in the service, and a glorious time we enjoyed. In the afternoon session the President gave her annual address, after which the Chautauqua salute, and the appointment by the President of the committees for the different departments.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Mrs. Lucy Thurman delivered her soul-stirring address. On Friday morning the union opened with the regular devotional exercises, after which some interesting papers were read on "Narcotics," "Purity" and "Sabbath Observance." The convention has proven a benefit to the people at large, and a vote of thanks was given to the people of Muskogee for their kind hospitality toward the convention.

Officers were elected for the year as follows:

President, Mrs. Thompson, South McAlistar.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Escoe, Muskogee, I. T.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ada B. Worthem.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. Tyson.

Territorial Superintendent, Mrs. Amanda Richey.

## TEMPERANCE.

The following items of interest from our Washington correspondent indicate a pleasing activity along various lines of club work and matters of special importance to the welfare of the race:

An interesting business meeting of the W. C. T. U. of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church was held Monday evening, October 7. Excellent reports from Superintendents were read. The Treasurer reported \$15 given toward defraying expenses of National Convention in December, \$5 paid toward debt of the church, and about \$40 spent in local work.

The following-named officers were

elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Rosetta Lawson.  
First Vice-President, Mrs. Annie Clarke.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. M. Fleet.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. Bertha Joyce.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ella M. Boston.

Treasurer—Miss Carrie Fountain.

A mass meeting of the union is being arranged for the third Sunday in October, at which time the annual sermon will be preached at night by the pastor, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, and here will be many other interesting features.

At a meeting of the Anna Murray Douglass Union, held Wednesday, October 9, the following-named officers were elected:

President—Mrs. H. C. Bruce.  
Vice-President, Mrs. A. V. Chase.

Secretary—Mrs. A. P. Albert.  
Treasurer—Mrs. M. Childs.

The installation of officers at the residence of Mrs. Albert, 1910 Vermont Ave., Tuesday evening, October 15. Friends cordially invited.

Mrs. Lawson, National Organizer in the W. C. T. U., will not attend the 28th Annual Convention of the W. C. T. U., to be held at Fort Worth, Tex., November 15-20, because of the rigid lines of separation everywhere present in the South between the races in Christian and all other lines of work.

The Second Baptist Lyceum is open and in full blast, with its usual excellent program for the year.

Mrs. Albert S. Gray has matriculated in the Medical School of Howard University, Pharmaceutical Department.

Mrs. Sara T. Fleetwood, Superintendent of Trained Nurses at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., is the right woman in the right place.

Mrs. A. F. Hilyer, 2352 Sixth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., is the President of the "Treble Clef" of this city. This is a most delightful club of mothers, who greatly influence our community through the brilliant recitals they give annually.

It is rumored that a gigantic movement is on foot through a union of the choir masters of Washington and the Treble Clef to invite Coleridge Taylor to Washington in the near future to present "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast." This will be the treat of treats, and ought to be a national affair.

CLUB WORKER,  
Washington, D. C.

The "Treble Clef" of Kansas City, Mrs. S. J. Holly, President, is a married ladies' club, for the study of high-class instrumental music, and will begin the season's work October 25.

The Woman's League, Mrs. F. J. Jackson, President, will also soon have its opening meeting.

Extensive preparations are being made in teachers' circles for the entertainment, during the Christmas holidays, of the Missouri State Teachers' Association.

Missourians are very proud of the record made by the State at the Pan-American Exposition. Of the two gold medals awarded for school exhibits, one went to Buffalo, the other to St. Louis. Missouri received gold medals for agricultural products, wool, flour and educational methods. In all, six gold medals, eleven silver medals, fourteen bronze medals and fourteen honorable mentions.

In fact, Missouri was outranked in medals by only one State—New York—and possibly, by means of the liberal appropriations made for the State exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and the determination she then will have to "show" the world that she is neither "wild and woolly," nor yet a "border State," Missouri may take first honors in 1903.

Leslie's Popular Monthly, September number, contains an article descriptive of Tuskegee, an excellent tribute to the talents of Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Dean of the Woman's Department of that institution, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Colored Women.

Correspondence, cuts of noted women, sketches, etc., solicited. All matter intended for these columns must be sent to the office of the Department Editor.

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